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TAGS: EEC, UNGA, GW, DA

SUBJECT: UNGA OBSERVER STATUS FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. DANES HAD TAKEN POSITIVE POSITION IN COREPER ON

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REQUESTING EC OBSERVER STATUS AT UNGA. THEY TOLD US

THAT THEY WERE NOT CONCERNED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ABOUT POSSIBLE CEMA APPLICATION FOR SIMILAR STATUS. DANES HAVE NOW HOWEVER, BEEN HIT BY MONUMENTALLY COMPLEX PROBLEM AS RESULT OF DECISION BY PARLIAMENTARY MARKETS COMMITTEE LATE LAST WEEK TO OPPOSE EC OBSERVER STATUS AT UNGA BECAUSE IT WOULD ALLEGEDLY GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY TO POLITICAL MATTERS WITHIN COMMUNITY THAN COMMITTEE DESIRED. SINCE DENMARK HAD ALREADY APPROVED APPLICATION AT BRUSSELS AND SINCE EC AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK ARE DUE TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION TO UNGA WITHIN FEW DAYS DENMARK IS NOW PLACED IN EMBARRASSING POSITION OF CHOOSING BETWEEN IGNORING MARKETS COMMITTEE DIRECTIVE OR VOTING AGAINST RESOLUTION IN UNGA.

2. BACKGROUND TO ISSUE IS AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT EARLY LAST YEAR THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD SUBMIT ALL IMPORTANT EC ISSUES TO MARKETS COMMITTEE AT WEEKLY MEETING (USUALLY THURSDAY) FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL. IMPLIED VETO POWER BY MARKETS COMMITTEE WAS ALWAYS PRESENT BUT UNTIL NOW HAS NOT BEEN USED. GOVT HAD NOT SUBMITTED UNGA OBSERVER QUESTION TO MARKETS COMMITTEE BECAUSE IT DID NOT REGARD MATTER OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE. MOREOVER SINCE ISSUE WAS NEVER ON EC COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM WAS NOT AMONG THOSE AUTOMATICALLY SUBMITTED TO MARKETS COMMITTEE.

3. ACTING DCM DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH FONOFF DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY WANDEL-PETERSEN WHO SAID SITUATION WAS SO RIDICULOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE THAT IMPASSE MUST BE RESOLVABLE. PRESENTLY HE SAID FONMIN GULDBERG, WHO IS IN NEW YORK IS TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO HIS EC COLLEAGUES AND ASKING FOR FEW DAYS BREATHING SPACE. MEANWHILE IN COPENHAGEN PRIME MINISTER HARTLING IS PERSONALLY HANDLING PROBLEM (IN BETWEEN HIS EFFORTS AT SETTling POLITICAL SITUATION AFTER LAST WEEKENDS PARLIAMENTARY CRISIS) PLAN IS TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 25 AND THEN CONVENE MARKETS COMMITTEE SEPT 26 IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN REVERSAL OF ITS VETO. WANDEL-PETERSEN SAID PM'S MAIN HOPE IS TO WORK OUT AGREEMENT WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS SOME OF WHOSE MEMBERS INITIATED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEM WITHIN THE MARKETS COMMITTEE. IF ALL GOES WELL HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE FONMIN GULDBERG BY THE WEEKEND THAT DENMARK CONFIRMS ITS FAVORABLE POSITION FOR EC OBSERVER AT UNGA THIS SESSION. WANDEL-PETERSEN SAID NO ONE WANTS TO THINK AT THIS TIME OF CONSEQUENCES SHOULD PM NOT SUCCEED. CROWE

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